

If you want to keep this prosperity going, vote for the Democrats. That's the message that you've got to get out there all over America.

But if you look at all the other areas where we're different—we're for a real Patients' Bill of Rights, and they're not. We're for a Medicare prescription drug program that every senior who needs it can buy into on a voluntary basis, and they only want to help half the people who need the medicine. Their plan won't work. It has already been tried in one State, and they keep on doing it. It's wrong. We are the party that wants to help provide the medicine that our seniors need and deserve, and every American needs to understand that. Every American needs to understand that we are the party for smaller class sizes and modern schools and after-school and summer school and preschool programs for the kids who need it and a tax deduction to pay for the cost of college tuition so that everybody's child can have 4 years of college. That's the Democratic Party, and people need to know that, and I want you to help them know that.

And for all of you there, the most important thing I want you to do is make sure Julia Carson wins an overwhelming reelection. She's a wonderful woman and a great Representative in Congress.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:25 p.m. from the Residence at the White House to the rally at the Indianapolis Colts Complex in Indianapolis, IN. In his remarks, he referred to Joseph J. Andrew, national chair, Democratic National Committee; Gov. Frank O'Bannon, Lt. Gov. Joseph E. Kernan, and State Attorney General Karen Freeman-Wilson of Indiana; and Senator Bayh's wife, Susan. Representative Carson is a candidate for reelection in Indiana's 10th Congressional District.

### **Statement on Returning Without Approval the "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001"**

*October 7, 2000*

Today I vetoed a deeply flawed energy/water appropriations bill that threatens major environmental harm by blocking our efforts

to modernize operations on the Missouri River. This antienvironmental rider would not only jeopardize the survival of three threatened and endangered species but would also establish a dangerous precedent aimed at barring a Federal agency from obeying one of our Nation's landmark environmental statutes.

Additionally, this bill funded scores of special projects for special interests. It failed to provide sufficient funding for priorities in the national interest—including environmental restoration of the Florida Everglades and the California-Bay Delta, and our strategy to restore endangered salmon in the Pacific Northwest. It also failed to fund efforts to research and develop nonpolluting sources of energy through solar and renewable technologies that are vital to America's energy security.

I urge Congress to quickly produce an energy/water bill I can sign.

### **Message to the House of Representatives Returning Without Approval the "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001"**

*October 7, 2000*

*To the House of Representatives:*

I am returning herewith without my approval, H.R. 4733, the "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001." The bill contains an unacceptable rider regarding the Army Corps of Engineers' master operating manual for the Missouri River. In addition, it fails to provide funding for the California-Bay Delta initiative and includes nearly \$700 million for over 300 unrequested projects.

Section 103 would prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from revising the operating manual for the Missouri River that is 40 years old and needs to be updated based on the most recent scientific information. In its current form, the manual simply does not provide an appropriate balance among the competing interests, both commercial and recreational, of the many people who seek to use this great American river. The bill would also undermine implementation of the